

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : W. Kennefick, et al.
Serial No. : 09/960020 Art Unit: 3738
Filed : September 21, 2001 Examiner: J.G. Pickett
For : TRAY FOR SURGICAL FASTNERS

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the
Commissioner For Patents on September 28, 2006

Eugene L. Szczecina, Jr.
(Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative)

/Eugene L. Szczecina, Jr./

(Signature)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), certification is hereby
made that:

☒ Each item of information contained in the information
disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a
foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more
than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure
Statement; or

☐ No item of information contained in the Information
Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign
patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the
knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item
of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement,
was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three
months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

/Eugene L. Szczecina, Jr./

Eugene L. Szczecina, Jr.
Reg. No. 35,029
Attorney for Applicants

Johnson & Johnson
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza
New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003
(732) 524-1479
DATED: September 28, 2006